DNREC now accepting grant proposals for wastewater and surface water project planning

DOVER (April 23, 2013) — The Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control's Financial Assistance Branch and the Division of Watershed Stewardship are now accepting project proposals from state, county and municipal governments and governmental subdivisions for matching grants for wastewater and surface water project planning. Proposals must be received by 4:30 p.m. May 30, 2013.

The Wastewater and Surface Water Matching Planning Grant programs are set-asides in the state's Clean Water Revolving Fund. Projects will be recommended for funding by the Delaware Clean Water Advisory Council through a competitive grant process.

Eligible projects include planning, preliminary engineering, and feasibility analysis of: wastewater, stormwater retrofits; green technology practices; stream and wetland restoration projects; small watershed studies; master surface water and drainage plans; and other source water pollution control projects.

Grant funding is limited to \$50,000 for wastewater and \$50,000 for stormwater per successful applicant with a 1:1 cash match requirement. Up to 10 percent of stormwater grant funds may be used for administrative costs.

Project guidelines and the application can be found online at the <u>Financial Assistance Branch page</u>.

Wastewater proposals must be submitted by email to

<u>Jessica.Velazquez@delaware.gov</u>, and stormwater proposals to <u>James.Sullivan@delaware.gov</u>. Proposals submitted by email must be less than 10 MB.

For more information, contact Jessica Velazquez, Financial Assistance Branch at 302-739-9941 or Jim Sullivan, Division of Watershed Stewardship at 302-739-9921.

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